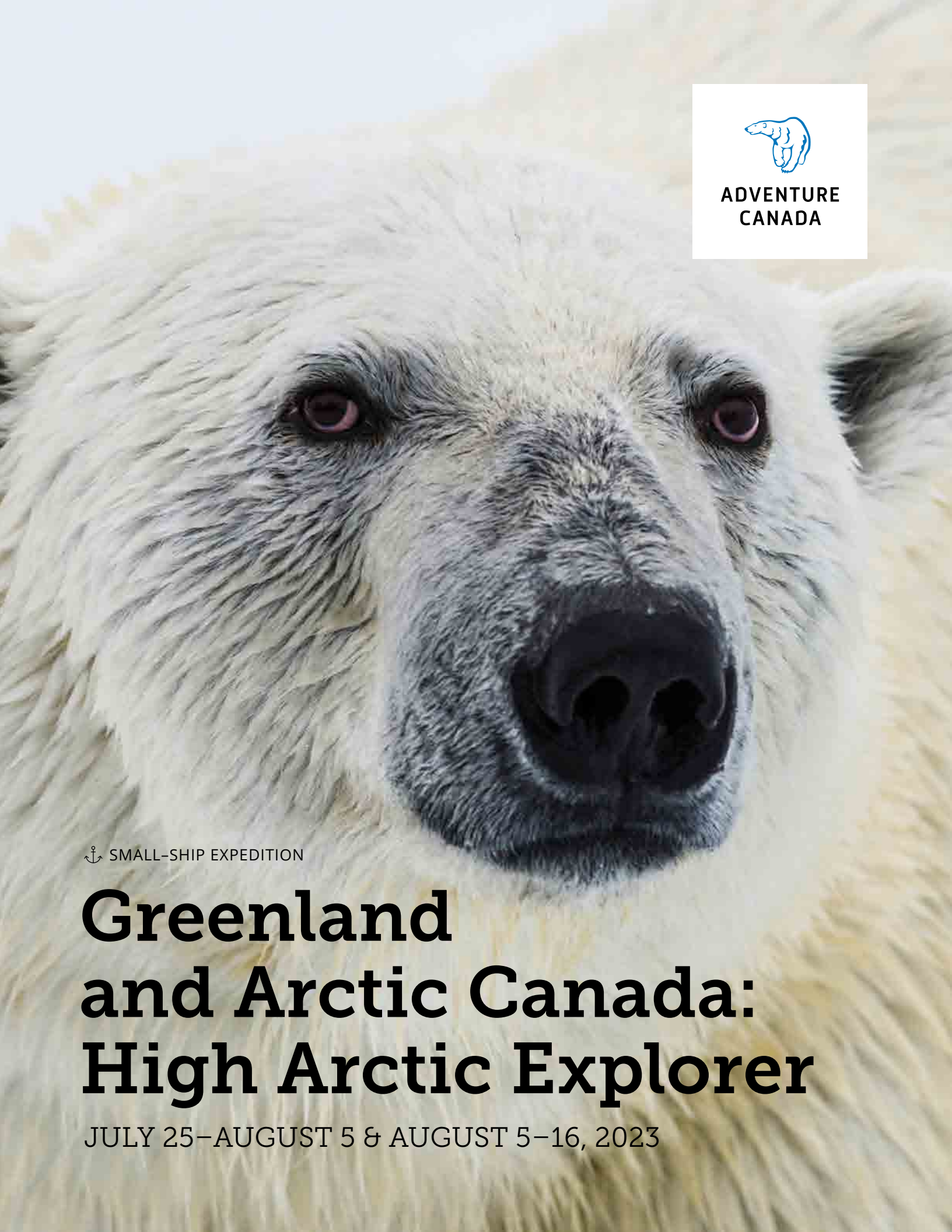

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⚓ SMALL-SHIP EXPEDITION

Greenland and Arctic Canada: High Arctic Explorer

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High Arctic Explorer's Top Ten Wonders

Each Adventure Canada expedition holds its own unique highlights. Stunning icy landscapes, iconic wildlife, and welcoming Inuit culture bring us back to the Far North time and time again. These are our ten picks for the top experiences of this trip of a lifetime, the High Arctic Explorer.

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1 Pay homage to adventurers past at historic, haunting Beechey Island

With shattered shale plains, eroding bluffs, and little greenery, Beechey Island appears utterly sterile. But to history buffs, it's hallowed ground. Here, three mariners with the lost Franklin expedition were interred. For 170 years—until the recent discovery of Franklin's ships—their graves were the prime monument to that tragic, mysterious voyage. Pay respects to the trio, explore artifacts left by Franklin searchers, and marvel at what it was like for Englishmen to live and die here, so distant from the only world they knew.

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2 See icebergs bigger than you ever imagined—all while sipping a latte

Ilulissat means "icebergs." The name says it all. Beside this renowned town of 4,700 people is Sermeq Kujalleq (Jakobshavn Glacier), the busiest glacier in the Northern Hemisphere, spewing 20 billion tonnes of ice per year into the local waterfront. Appropriately, this is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, not to mention Greenland's top tourist attraction. Tour amongst the skyscraping bergs by Zodiac (often accompanied by humpback whales!), peruse the local museums and shops (sealskin chic!), and dine on distinctive Greenlandic fare (muskox burgers anyone?).

3 Take it easy with local wildlife

Marvel at the diversity of wildlife all around these beautiful vistas. On the cliffs, murres and guillemots nest by the countless thousands. On the land, foxes watch us from the outcrops, muskoxen trample the tundra, and walruses patrol the bays. And on the drifting ice floes? Keep your binoculars ready for seals and the white bears that love to feed on them.

4 Visit Mittimatalik, one of Nunavut's most scenically situated communities

The biggest town in the High Arctic of Canada is also—we would argue—one of its most beautifully located. Mittimatalik, also known as Pond Inlet, nestles along whale-laden Eclipse Sound, peering toward the peaks and glaciers of Sirmilik National Park. For its 1,500 or so Inuit residents, this community is a cultural haven. Tour around town with warm local guides, hear (and likely learn a bit of) the Inuktitut language, witness a cultural extravaganza of Inuit sports and song, and purchase unique local carvings and craftworks.

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5 Stay cool while exploring the face of some of Canada's greatest glaciers

Devon Island, the world's largest uninhabited island, makes up for what it lacks in people in its ice—4,000 gigatons of the stuff, forming an ice cap almost a kilometre deep and sending glaciers churning down to the sea. By ship and Zodiac, explore the face of these tidewater glaciers, while watching for the calving of house-sized icebergs and weaving amongst iridescent blue "bergy bits."

6 Have a whale of a time in Tallurutiup Imanga, a protected Inuit waterway

Overlaying much of these northern waters is Tallurutiup Imanga, a landmark marine sanctuary established through a pact between Inuit and Canada. Sail and Zodiac through this natural and cultural seascape, witnessing ecological wonders. Here, the greatest Arctic whales, bus-sized bowheads, skim for plankton—while belugas and narwhal gobble cod in the fjords and polar bears prowl the ice.

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7 Explore the west Greenland coast, where the Arctic is sublime

Everything about Greenland's geology owes its existence to ice. Inland is the greatest ice sheet in the Northern Hemisphere. Along the coast are a labyrinth of fjords, the product of eons of grinding ice—much of it still sparkling in the cirques. And at sea? If you're lucky you might spot bobbing bergs, sailing to who-knows-where. Explore this glittering land and seascape by ship, Zodiac, or on shore. Make sure your camera has a spare memory card, because you might just fill it up!

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8 Experience a polar hardship posting

A century ago the Arctic was disputed territory. Mounties and Inuit special constables were thus sent to Devon Island to fly Canada's flag, make sovereignty patrols, and staff a remote station at Dundas Harbour. After the Mounties left, this was the site of the first Arctic relocation, when Inuit families were infamously moved to bolster Canada's claims to the Far North. Tour the station's eerie structures, learn about the hardships here, and take in the beautiful tundra.

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9 Cross the Arctic Circle in west Greenland's greatest fjord

Sailing up Kangerlussuaq Fjord (Søndre Strømfjord) is a true polar pleasure. A whopping 190 kilometres long but just two klicks wide, this remarkable seaway is flanked all along by frosted peaks and glaciers. En route you'll cross the Arctic Circle—an achievement few travellers can claim. And at the end of it all is humble-but-historic Kangerlussuaq. Once a United States air base key in fighting the Nazis, it's now Greenland's main international airport. Look for muskoxen, scruffy trees, and several fine souvenir shops around the airport terminal.

10 Sail historic Davis Strait, a crossroads of whalers, Inuit, and explorers

For at least a millennium, this shivering sea has united Europe and Arctic North America. Inuit travel here, as did Vikings, Scottish whalers, explorers like Franklin and Amundsen, and more. On the outer decks, keep your eyes peeled for pilot and sperm whales, sea birds, and fantastical icebergs.

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Your Adventure Canada Experience

Immerse yourself in the wonders of nature and culture. Travel alongside scientists, historians, naturalists, cultural educators, and artists, who share their passion and experience with you.

Adventure Canada's expeditions are more than phenomenal expeditions of a lifetime; they are lifelong learning journeys for the heart and mind. Your expedition is an immersive cultural experience both on and off the ship.

Our shipboard program is educational and fun. You can join daily presentations, debates, and workshops that provide perspective and understanding. Our expedition team—experts in their fields—are approachable, available on deck and at meals, and always on shore during excursions. Our unique mix of entertainment and camaraderie is integral to our evening concerts, daily gatherings, and learning opportunities.

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Each day, your onboard and onshore programming is thoughtfully planned to make the most of the local environment. Hiking, wildlife viewing, historic sites, community visits, and Zodiac cruising are regular activities. You can spot wildlife from the deck, take a polar plunge, relax in the hot tub, take care of yourself at a stretch class, or unwind with a great book from our onboard library. You choose the activities that are best suited to your abilities and interests.

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Learn from the locals

Adventure Canada has a myriad of connections in the regions we visit; nothing beats being welcomed as an honoured guest. Esteemed local guides connect you to destinations, people, and culture—personally!

Safety first. Experience, foremost

You're in good hands: our expedition team members are experienced, knowledgeable, and attentive. They'll ensure your comfort and safety—then enlighten, inspire, and entertain you!

Our expedition team is at the heart of our programming—and there's something for everyone! Join us at presentations, workshops, discussion panels, Q & A sessions, and more.

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Enriching Expeditions in Spectacular Locations

Your personal voyage of discovery

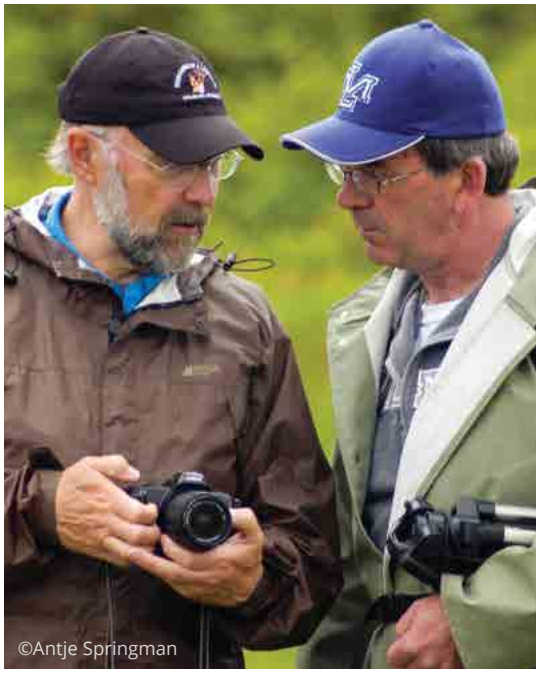
Explore and learn about new lands and peoples as you experience the rich cultures and fascinating landscapes we sail to. Take the road less travelled and enrich your perspective during visits to communities, natural habitats, and historic sites that can be otherwise difficult to reach.

Our expeditions are designed to be flexible and allow us to make the best of Mother Nature's conditions. We often make landfall at new places and are able to share new discoveries and local knowledge with you. Your voyage will be marked with thoughtful discussions, expert interpretation, and the spirit of discovery.

Get off the ship, get into a Zodiac!

Cruise among icebergs; search for marine mammals; visit an outport community; wander remote coastlines… simply enjoy the freedom of being out on the water daily! Our goal is to get you off the ship as often as possible.

Zodiacs free us from the dependency on ports, piers, and other built infrastructure. These safe, stable, versatile boats take you where the action is.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Learn from passionate experts

Why would an esteemed Canada Research Chair, for example, travel with us on a working vacation? It's simple: they can't resist the opportunity to engage, excite, educate, and enlighten you! Make the most of every learning opportunity, aboard and ashore, in geology, botany, marine biology, archaeology, photography, cultural history, and more!

Our hand-picked experts are as excited as you are to be on board. Join them on deck searching for wildlife, share daily meals for personal indepth conversations, participate in workshops, attend presentations, and learn on the land. The Adventure Canada team has a deep love for discovery, learning, exploration, and growth, and is at your service.

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Experience local culture and traditions

From Arctic communities to the fishing villages of former New France, to the outports of Newfoundland and Labrador, we embrace local music, dance, food, language, and traditions, everywhere we go!

Expedition travel isn't just about what you see, or where you go. It's who you meet and get to know.

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Wildlife encounters

Daily excursions with expert guides put you where you are most likely to see wildlife: whales and seabirds in Atlantic Canada; muskox, seals, and polar bears in the High Arctic. Whether viewing on deck, in the Zodiac, or learning during our presentation series, you'll come away with an appreciation for the fine creatures that inhabit our world. Our best practices ensure the safety and integrity of the wildlife we have the privilege to view.

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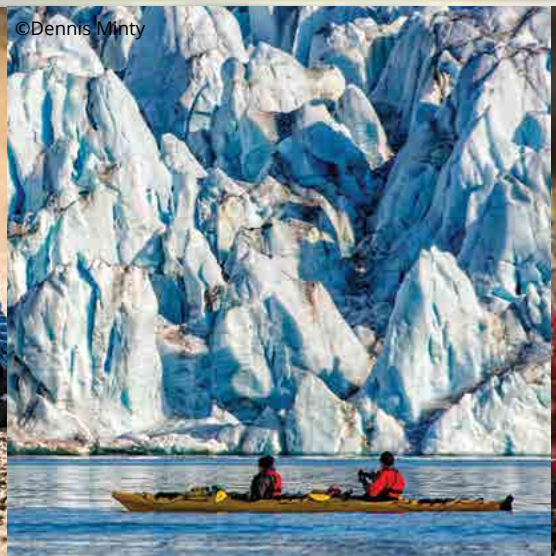
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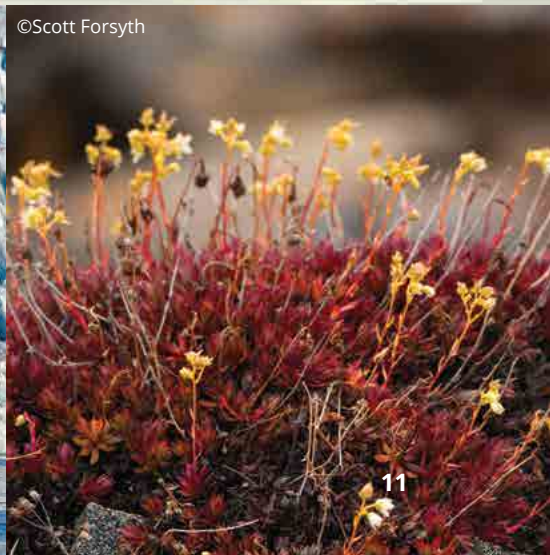
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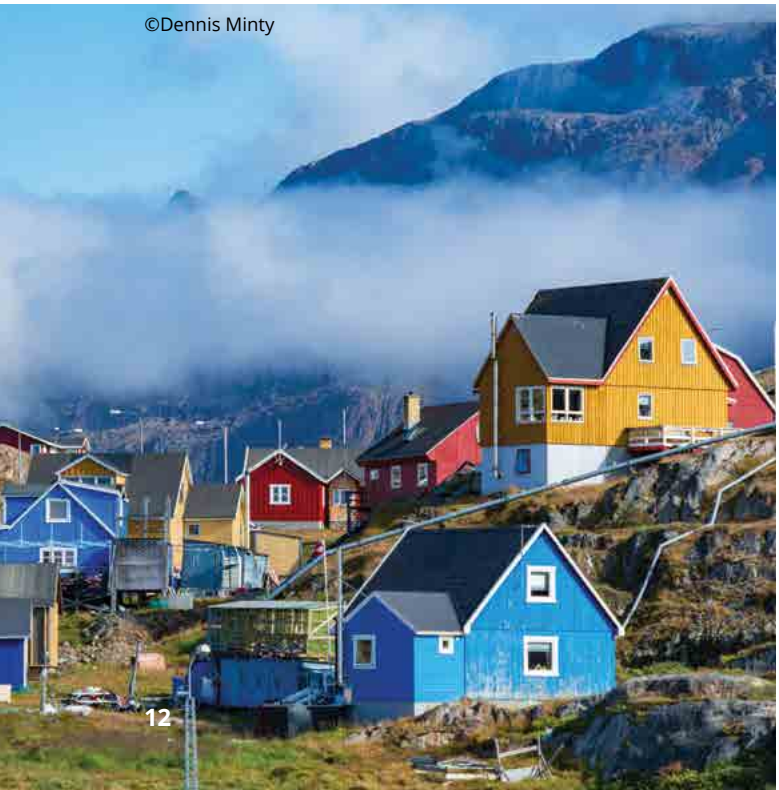
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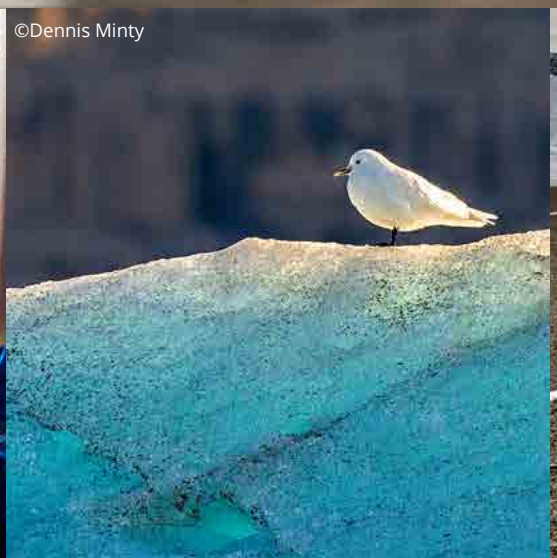

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The *Ocean Endeavour*

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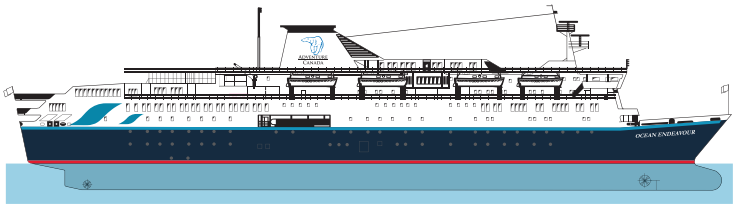
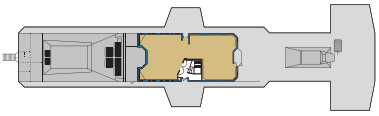
At 137 metres in length, the *Ocean Endeavour* has plenty of interior and exterior space. Ample deck space offers comfortable lounge chairs, a swimming pool, two saunas, and a hot tub. The spacious interior allows for varied workshops and presentations to occur simultaneously. The three lounges aboard the *Ocean Endeavour* are optimal locations for seminars, events, parties, and conversation.





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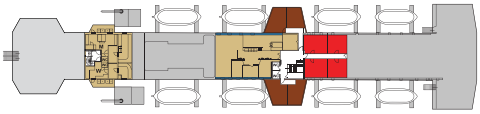

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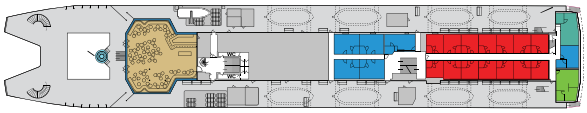

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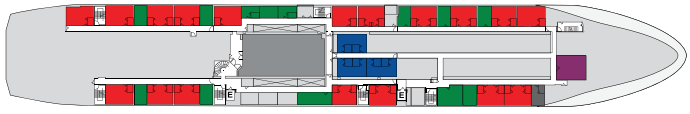

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Deck seven: forward-facing picture windows, unobstructed view; matrimonial bed, private bath with full tub, refrigerator — approx. 310 sq. ft.

CATEGORY 9 JUNIOR SUITE

Deck five: picture windows, unobstructed view; matrimonial bed, sitting area — approx. 270 sq. ft. **Deck seven forward:** forward-facing picture windows, unobstructed view; matrimonial bed, sitting area, private bath with full tub, refrigerator— approx. 290 sq. ft.

CATEGORY 8 SUPERIOR TWIN

Deck five: two picture windows, unobstructed view; two lower berths, sitting area — approx. 210 sq. ft. **Deck seven forward:** forward-facing picture windows, unobstructed view; matrimonial bed, private bath with full tub — approx. 180 sq. ft. **Deck seven midship:** picture windows, partial obstruction; matrimonial bed, private bath, refrigerator — approx. 190 sq. ft.

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Deck five: picture windows, unobstructed view; two lower berths, approx. 190 sq. ft. **Deck eight**: oversize windows, partial obstruction; matrimonial bed, private bath, refrigerator — approx. 145 sq. ft.

CATEGORY 6 COMFORT TWIN

Deck four: two porthole windows, unobstructed view; two lower berths — approx. 175 sq. ft. **Deck seven:** picture window, partial obstruction; two lower berths — approx. 135 sq. ft. **Deck eight:** picture windows, obstructed view; matrimonial bed, private bath, refrigerator — approx. 160 sq. ft.

CATEGORY 5 MAIN TWIN

Deck five: picture window, unobstructed view; two lower berths, private bath — approx. 115 sq. ft.

CATEGORY 4 EXTERIOR TWIN

Deck four: porthole window, unobstructed view; two lower berths, private bath — approx. 100 sq. ft. (twin) / 90 sq. ft. (single).

CATEGORY 3 INTERIOR TWIN

Deck five: interior cabin, two lower berths, private bath — approx. 125 sq. ft. (twin) / 110 sq. ft. (single).

CATEGORY 2 TRIPLE

Deck four: interior cabin, three lower berths, two private baths — approx. 200 sq. ft.

CATEGORY 1 QUAD

Deck four: interior cabin, four lower berths, private bath — approx. 240 sq. ft.

Expedition and Charter Flight Prices

ALL PRICES ARE PER PERSON, IN US DOLLARS

EXPEDITIONS	DAYS	CABIN CLASS CATEGORIES										CHARTER FLIGHT
		10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	
HIGH ARCTIC EXPLORER JULY 25–AUG. 5, 2023	12	**$17,295**	**$16,295**	**$15,295**	**$14,795**	**$14,095**	**$13,295**	**$12,595**	**$11,295**	**$9,995**	**$8,995**	
		*plus **$576** fuel surcharge per person ($48 per day)										
		Northbound Charter Flight: Toronto, ON to Kangerlussuaq, GL. Early-morning departure.										**$1,375**
		Southbound Charter Flight: Resolute, NU to Ottawa, ON. Evening arrival.										**$1,270**
HIGH ARCTIC EXPLORER AUG. 5–16, 2023	12	**$17,295**	**$16,295**	**$15,295**	**$14,795**	**$14,095**	**$13,295**	**$12,595**	**$11,295**	**$9,995**	**$8,995**	
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		Northbound Charter Flight: Ottawa, ON to Resolute, NU. Early-morning departure.										**$1,270**
		Southbound Charter Flight: Kangerlussuaq, GL to Toronto, ON. Evening arrival.										**$1,375**

Canadian residents may opt to take advantage of Adventure Canada's in-house exchange rate (fixed quarterly) and pay for their voyage in Canadian dollars, if desired. Contact your preferred travel advisor for more details.

EXPEDITION COSTS INCLUDE:

*Passage aboard the *Ocean Endeavour* *Applicable taxes and credit card fees *Complimentary expedition jacket *Contribution to Adventure Canada's Discovery Fund *Special access permits, entry, and park fees *Expert expedition team *Guided activities *Sightseeing and community visits *All Zodiac excursions *Port fees *Pre-departure materials *Educational program *Photo Equipment Trial Program *Interactive workshops *Evening entertainment *All shipboard meals

EXPEDITION COSTS DO NOT INCLUDE:

*Commercial and charter flights *Program enhancements/optional excursions *Gratuities *Personal expenses *Mandatory medical evacuation insurance *Additional expenses in the event of delays or itinerary changes *Possible fuel surcharges and administrative fees *Pre- and post-trip hotel accommodation

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Exploring with Adventure Canada just got better with our exclusive loyalty program: The League of Adventurers.

The number of people who keep travelling with us continues to grow and, in response, we want to thank our returning clients by offering special rewards and benefits. As a past traveller you are automatically a valued member of the League and eligible for special rewards.

SAVE 5%

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SAVE 10%

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PLUS

- League of Adventurers welcome package
- Early notifications of upcoming promotions and events
- Exclusive gifts
- Onboard gift shop discounts

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Specials and Incentives

Available exclusively aboard *Ocean Endeavour* expeditions, excluding Antarctica

Free Single Supplement

For those who prefer not to share, we have a limited quantity of cabins in category 3 through to category 7 with no single supplement! Once these cabins are sold, the single supplement fee is 1.5 times the berth cost. Single occupancy in categories 8–10 is available at full double-occupancy rates. Can be combined with the Multi-Trip Promotion, League of Adventurers Loyalty Rewards Program, and 2023 Early Booking Bonus. Subject to cabin availability.

Multi-Trip Promotion

Receive 10% off the berth cost when you book more than one 2023 *Ocean Endeavour* expedition (excluding Antarctica). Can be combined with the Early Booking Bonus, Free Single Supplement, and League of Adventurers Loyalty Rewards Program.

Family Friendly

Children four years old and younger pay only for charter airfare—and children two years and younger travel free! Children must be accompanied by a full-fare adult. Can be combined with the League of Adventurers Loyalty Rewards Program.

Save 30% under 30

Save 30% on the berth cost for travellers under thirty years of age. Can be combined with the Free Single Supplement and League of Adventurers Loyalty Rewards Program.

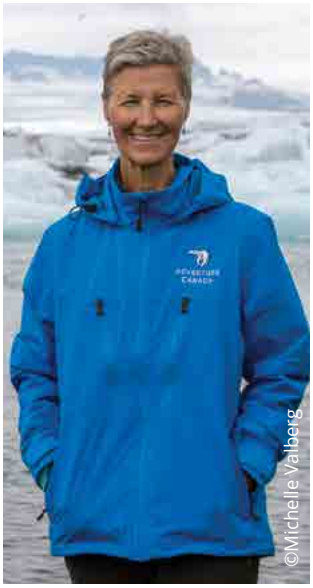
Price Guarantee

If Adventure Canada reduces the price of the berth portion of the fare of any expedition more than 120 days prior to departure, previously booked clients may claim the lower rate. For more information, please visit adventurecanada.com/price-guarantee.

Program Enhancements Aboard the *Ocean Endeavour*

We're pleased to provide the following optional program enhancements to help you make the very most of every day—in your own way!

Expedition Jackets COMPLIMENTARY



You will receive a complimentary expedition jacket to keep you protected from the elements. Designed specifically for expedition travel, your jacket is waterproof and windproof. This jacket is yours to keep as a coveted and useful memento of your adventure.

Qajaq/Kayak PAID

Explore at sea level in small groups with our experienced kayak guides. We offer excursions on double kayaks, as well as the essential gear for safety and comfort.

Photo Equipment Trial Program COMPLIMENTARY

Learn from experienced photographers using photo equipment you can borrow aboard the *Ocean Endeavour*. Try your hand with new equipment and learn valuable photography skills. Through this program, we empower our guests to create truly dynamic images and tell vibrant stories.

Biking PAID

Experience communities and landscapes at your own pace! For fitness enthusiasts and independent explorers, we carry a fleet of Kona mountain bikes. These multi-geared, all-purpose bikes are available during select community excursions.

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